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APPLICATION NO.: 10/043,443  
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EDITING IN A MULTIMEDIA MESSAGING ENVIRONMENT  
EXAMINER: Ryan F. Pitaro  
GROUP ART UNIT: 2174  
ATTY. DKT. NO.: 20412-06488

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**PETITION FOR CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP**

SIR:

Please amend, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.48(a) the above referenced non-provisional application to include the following individual as an inventor:

Marko Balabanovic

The omission of Mr. Balabanovic as an inventor in the above-referenced non-provisional application occurred without deceptive intention on the part of the actual inventors.

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The fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(i) is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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**STATEMENT OF ASSIGNEE**

SIR:

I, the undersigned, declare that:

1. I have the title as indicated below at Ricoh Company, Ltd., a corporation of Japan, located at 15-5 Minami-Aoyama 1-Chome Minato-ku Tokyo 107-8544 Japan, and I have the authority to act on behalf of Ricoh Company, Ltd.
2. Ricoh Company, Ltd. is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of a first assignment from the originally named

inventors of the patent application, John W. Barrus, Kim McCall, Audrey Tsang, and Gregory J. Wolff, which was recorded in the Patent and Trademark Office on March 22, 2002 (Reel # 012718 and Frame # 0234) and a second assignment from Mr. Marko Balabanovic. A copy of the second Assignments is attached hereto.

3. Ricoh Company, Ltd. consents to the addition of Marko Balabanovic as a co-inventor of the above-referenced patent application.

Dated: 11/16/2005 Signed By: Taka Uchiki  
Name: TAKAHIRO UCHIKI  
Title: Manager, 5th IP Group.

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## ASSIGNMENT

For good and valuable consideration, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the person(s) named below (referred to as "INVENTOR" whether singular or plural) has sold, assigned, and transferred and does hereby sell, assign, and transfer to Ricoh Company, Ltd., a corporation of Japan, having a place of business at 15-5 Minami-Aoyama 1-Chome Minato-ku, Tokyo 107-8544 Japan ("ASSIGNEE"), for itself and its successors, transferees, and assignees, the following:

1. The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in all inventions and improvements ("SUBJECT MATTER") that are disclosed in the application for United States Letters Patent entitled: **System and Method for Audio Creation and Editing in a Multimedia Messaging Environment ("APPLICATION")**, which:

☐ is to be filed herewith.

☒ was filed on January 9, 2002, now bearing U.S. serial number 10/043,443.

☐ The APPLICATION claims priority from [a provisional/foreign application], filed on \_\_\_\_\_, now bearing [Country] application serial number \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The entire worldwide right, title, and interest in and to:

(a) the APPLICATION; (b) all applications claiming priority from the APPLICATION; (c) all provisional, utility, divisional, continuation, substitute, renewal, reissue, and other applications related thereto which have been or may be filed in the United States or elsewhere in the world; (d) all patents (including reissues and re-examinations) which may be granted on the applications set forth in (a), (b), and (c) above; and (e) all right of priority in the APPLICATION and in any underlying provisional or foreign application, together with all rights to recover damages for infringement of provisional rights.

INVENTOR agrees that ASSIGNEE may apply for and receive patents for SUBJECT MATTER in ASSIGNEE's own name.

INVENTOR agrees to do the following, when requested, and without further consideration, in order to carry out the intent of this Assignment: (1) execute all oaths, assignments, powers of attorney, applications, and other papers necessary or desirable to fully secure to ASSIGNEE the rights, titles and interests herein conveyed; (2) communicate to ASSIGNEE all known facts relating to the SUBJECT MATTER; and (3) generally do all lawful acts that ASSIGNEE shall consider desirable for securing, maintaining, and enforcing worldwide patent protection relating to the SUBJECT MATTER and for vesting in ASSIGNEE the rights, titles, and interests herein conveyed. INVENTOR further agrees to provide any successor, assign, or legal representative of ASSIGNEE with the benefits and assistance provided to ASSIGNEE hereunder.

INVENTOR represents that INVENTOR has the rights, titles, and interests to convey as set forth herein, and covenants with ASSIGNEE that the INVENTOR has not made and will not

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hereafter make any assignment, grant, mortgage, license, or other agreement affecting the rights, titles, and interests herein conveyed.

INVENTOR grants the attorney of record the power to insert on this Assignment any further identification that may be necessary or desirable in order to comply with the rules of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for recordation of this document.

This Assignment may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which may be taken together as one and the same Assignment.

Name and Signature

Date of Signature



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MARKO BALABANOVIC

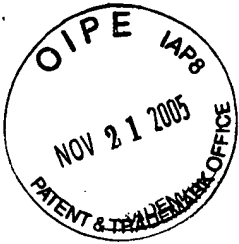
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On \_\_\_\_\_ before me, \_\_\_\_\_, Notary Public, personally appeared MARKO BALABANOVIC personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

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**STATEMENT OF MARKO BALABANOVIC IN SUPPORT OF  
REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)**

SIR:

I, Marko Balabanovic, declare that:

1. I was not originally named as a co-inventor of the above-referenced patent application, which was filed on January 9, 2002, as U.S. Patent Application No. 10/043,443, listing John W. Barrus, Kim McCall, Audrey Tsang, and Gregory J. Wolff as joint inventors.
2. I am a co-inventor of the above-referenced patent application, filed on January 9, 2002, as U.S. Patent Application No. 10/043,443.

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3. The inventorship error of failing to include me as a joint inventor of the above-referenced patent application occurred without any deceptive intention on my part or on the part of the applicants.

Dated: 16 Nov 2005

By: 

Marko Balabanovic

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